NYKs in Orissa

3383. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS ND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to open Nehru Yuva Kendras in each district;

(b) the number of districts in Orissa which have Nehru Yuva Kendras at present; and

(c) whether Government plans to open Nehru Yuva Kendras in all thirty districts of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS)R. M.S. GILL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Out of 30 districts in Orissa, Nehru Yuva Kendras are operational in 16 districts. oposal to open one Kendra each in remaining 14 districts has since been approved.

Security of Olympic torch

†3384. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND *PORTS be pleased to state:*

(a) whether China had threatened not to send Olympic torch to India in the absence of curity thereto;

(b) whether route of the torch has been curtailed; and

(c) whether Sachin Tendulkar has been pressurized to take part in this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS)R. M.S. GILL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) An appropriate route was decided by the Indian Olympic Association, and the torch is successfully hosted by India.

(c) No, Sir.

Rajiv Gandhi Stadium

3385. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned 25 crores of rupees to the State Government of izoram for construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at the heart of Aizwal city; and

(b) if so, the time when the money was sanctioned and the reasons for not starting the rk till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS R. M.S. GILL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Preparation for Olympics

3386. SHRI D. RAJA:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the preparations being made to improve the quality of athletes keeping in view the thcoming Olympics; and

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(b) the items in which we are going to participate and the participants selected for th Olympic games, athletic events, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is assisting the National Sport Federations (NSFs) in the preparation of elite athletes. The areas of assistance include th conduct of coaching camps, scientific and equipment support, and the engagement of foreig coaches. Apart from the above, Government is providing full support to the medal probable in terms of need based personalized training and competition exposure.

(b) 28 sportspersons belonging to 7 disciplines, *viz.*, shooting, athletics, archery, boxing swimming, wrestling, table tennis have qualified so far to participate in Beijing Olympic Games 2008, the discipline-wise-up is as follows:

Shooting	9
Athletics	5
Archery	4
Boxing	5
Swimming	1
Wrestling	2
Table Tennis	2

More players are likely to qualify. The final number of sportspersons belonging to different disciplines will be known after all qualifying rounds are over.

Preparation for Law and Order during Commonwealth Games

†3387. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of preparations made so far to maintain law and order during the period Commonwealth Games 2010 are held;

(b) whether all Metro projects are likely to be operational by 2010 in order to facilitate transportation in Delhi;

(c) whether Government is considering to impart special training to taxi and rickshaw drivers of Delhi so that they are able to have better communication with foreign guests; and

(d) the details of likely provisions for accommodation, fooding, transportation and catering facilities to the visitors during the period the games are to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL): (a) Appropriate comprehensive security measures have been planned for maintaining law and order during the Commonwealth Games, 2010. These measures would include stringent access control, effective anti-sabotage checks, deployment of anti-terrorists teams etc.

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